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(b) *Construction*. For limitations on the use of options, see 536.213 and 536.270.

517.203 Solicitations.

A solicitation that includes an option to extend should inform offerors that the contract could result in a long term contractual relationship subject to both of the following conditions:

- (a) Continuing need by GSA.
- (b) Level of contract performance that at least meets GSA's quality performance expectations.

517.207 Exercise of options.

Before exercising an option, you must:

- (a) Synopsize it unless you meet of the following conditions:
- (1) The option was evaluated as part of the original competition.
- (2) The contract action meets an exception in FAR 5.202.
- (b) Conclude that the contractor's performance under the contract met or exceeded the Government's expectation

for quality performance, unless another circumstance justifies an extended contractual relationship.

(c) Determine that the option price is fair and reasonable.

517.208 Solicitation provisions and contract clauses.

- (a) For solicitations under FSS's Stock or Special Order Program, insert a provision substantially the same as the provision at 552.217–70, Evaluation of Options, if both of the following conditions apply:
- (1) The solicitation contains an option to extend the term of the contract.
- (2) The contract will be fixed price and contain an economic price adjustment clause.
- (b) Insert the provision at 552.217–71, Notice Regarding Option(s), or a similar provision, in solicitations that include an option for increased quantities of supplies or services or an option to extend.